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Disease in Fish

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AMENDMENT AND RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2003. Please charge any fees which may be required at any time during prosecution of the instant application to deposit account 50-2132.

The Office Action mailed September 16, 2003 raises a Restriction Requirement and a potential Election of Species

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